# Michigan Dept. of Treasury, Local Audit & Finance Division 496 (3-98). Formerly L-3147 AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT

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GENERAL STATEMENTS

PEAND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Year Ended March 31, 2004

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

- To the Township Board
  Township of Marengo
  Calhoun County, Michigan
- We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Township of Marengo, Calhoun County, Michigan, as of March 31, 2004, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Township of Marengo's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.
- We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.
- In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Township of Marengo, Calhoun County, Michigan, as of March 31, 2004, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its Trust Fund for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.
- Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Township of Marengo, Calhoun County, Michigan. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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CAMPBELL, KUSTERER & CO., P.C. Certified Public Accountants

# COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS March 31, 2004 EXHIBIT A

	Governmental Fund Type General	Fiduciary Fund Type Trust and Agency	Account Group General Fixed Assets	Total (Memorandum Only)
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash in bank Taxes receivable Land, buildings and equipment	497 422 85 4 334 71	10 579 62	- - 679 250 49	508 002 47 4 334 71 679 250 49
Total Assets	<u>501 757 56</u>	<u>10 579 62</u>	679 250 49	1 191 587 67
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	2 623 17	-	-	2 623 17
_ Due to other units		1 318 26	-	1 318 26
Total liabilities	2 623 17	1 318 26	_	3 941 43
Fund equity: Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	679 250 49	679 250 49
Fund balances: Reserved for cemetery perpetual care	-	9 261 36	<u>-</u>	9 261 36
Unreserved: Undesignated	400 404 00			
Total fund equity	499 134 39		070.070.10	499 134 39
rotal fully equity	499 134 39	9 261 36	679 250 49	<u>1 187 646 24</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	501 757 56	10 579 62	679 250 49	<u>1 191 587 67</u>

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES Year Ended March 31, 2004 Page 1

-		Governmental Fund Type
_	Revenues:	<u>General</u>
	Property taxes	44 152 32
_	Licenses and permits	23 723 37
	State revenue sharing	153 366 00
	Charges for services:	133 300 00
_	Fire protection	18 700 00
-	Interest	12 176 47
	Miscellaneous	40 069 08
	Total revenues	292 187 24
	Expenditures:	101 2T
	Legislative:	
	Township Board	
	General government:	6 359 43
<b>/</b>	Supervisor	44-4
	Elections	11 739 18
_	Assessor	272 77
	Audit and attorney	14 884 08
	Clerk	4 166 23
_	Board of Review	17 185 55
	Treasurer	785 80
	Cemetery	14 795 96
_	Public safety:	5 170 00
	Fire protection	01 170 44
	Ambulance	81 172 44 7 621 85
	Protective inspection	17 039 50
	Planning – zoning	10 757 86
	Public works:	10 737 00
_	Drains	1 561 50
	Highways and streets	2 964 00
	Street lighting	3 523 53
	Capital outlay	<u>219 906 86</u>
	Total expenditures	419 906 54
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# COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES Year Ended March 31, 2004 Page 2

•		Governmental Fund Type
•		General
	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(127 719 30)
•	Fund balance, April 1	626 853 69
•	Fund Balance, March 31	<u>499 134 39</u>

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# COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND Year Ended March 31, 2004 Page 1

		General Fund	
	Decile (		Over (Under)
Revenues:	<u>Budget</u>	Actual	<u>Budget</u>
Property taxes	44 940 50	44.450.00	
Licenses and permits	44 849 53	44 152 32	(697 21)
State revenue sharing	18 286 00	23 723 37	5 437 37
Charges for services:	153 366 00	153 366 00	-
Fire protection	19 700 00	40 700 00	
Interest	18 700 00	18 700 00	-
Miscellaneous	9 293 76	12 176 47	2 882 71
Misseriarieous	<u>11 715 03</u>	40 069 08	<u>28 354 05</u>
Total revenues	<u>256 210 32</u>	<u>292 187 24</u>	35 976 92
Expenditures:			
Legislative:			
Township Board	5 250 00	6 359 43	4 400 40
General government:	0 200 00	0 339 43	1 109 43
Supervisor	11 915 00	11 720 40	(477.00)
Elections	200 00	11 739 18	(175 82)
Assessor	14 500 00	272 77	72 77
Audit and attorney	3 500 00	14 884 08	384 08
Clerk		4 166 23	666 23
Board of Review	18 030 00	17 185 55	(844 45)
Treasurer	1 700 00	785 80	(914 20)
Cemetery	13 048 00	14 795 96	1 747 96
Public safety:	5 170 00	5 170 00	**
Fire protection	72.050.00	04.470.44	
Ambulance	73 050 00	81 172 44	8 122 44
Protective inspection	7 665 00	7 621 85	(43 15)
Planning - zoning	18 000 00	17 039 50	(960 50)
Public works:	12 900 00	10 757 86	(2 142 14)
Drains	2 000 00	4 = 4	
Highways and streets	2 000 00	1 561 50	(438 50)
Street lighting	2 965 00	2 964 00	(1 00)
Capital outlay	3 600 00	3 523 53	(76 47)
Sapital Sullay	<u>220 500 00</u>	<u>219 906 86</u>	(593 14)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL FUND Year Ended March 31, 2004 Page 2

		General Fund	
	Budget	Actual	Over (Under) Budget
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(157 782 68)	(127 719 30)	30 063 38
Fund balance, April 1	206 000 00	<u>626 853 69</u>	420 853 69
Fund Balance, March 31	48 217 32	<u>499 134 39</u>	<u>450 917 07</u>

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# COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE – CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND Year Ended March 31, 2004 EXHIBIT D

Operating revenues: Charges for services Total operating revenues	<del></del>
Operating expenses	_
Operating income (loss)	_
Other income (expenses): Interest income Total other income (expenses)	<u>283 40</u> 283 40
Net income (loss)	283 40
Fund balance, April 1	<u>8 977 96</u>
Fund Balance, March 31	<u>9 261 36</u>

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#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS – CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND Year Ended March 31, 2004

**EXHIBIT E** 

Cash flows from operating activities: Cash received from customers Net cash provided (used) for operating activities	<del> </del>
Cash flows from investing activities: Interest income Net cash provided (used) for investing activities	283 40 283 40
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	283 40
Cash and cash equivalents, April 1	8 977 96
Cash and Cash Equivalents, March 31	9 261 36
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided (used) for operating activities: Operating income (loss) Net Cash Provided (Used) for Operating Activities	

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of the Township of Marengo, Calhoun County, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units.

#### **Reporting Entity**

In accordance with the provisions of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's Statement No. 14 "The Financial Reporting Entity," the general purpose financial statements of the Township contain all the Township funds and account groups that are controlled by or dependent on the Township's executive or legislative branches.

The reporting entity is the Township of Marengo. The Township is governed by an elected Township Board. As required by generally accepted accounting principles, these financial statements present the Township as the primary government.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The financial activities of the local unit are recorded in separate funds and account groups, categorized and described as follows:

#### **Governmental Funds**

#### **General Fund**

This fund is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The fund includes the general operating expenditures of the local unit. Revenues are derived primarily from property taxes, state and federal distributions, grants, and other intergovernmental revenues.

#### Fiduciary Funds

These funds are used to account for assets held in trust or as an agent for others.

#### Account Group

#### **General Fixed Assets Account Group**

This account group presents the fixed assets of the local unit utilized in its general operations.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present revenues and other financing sources and expenditures and other financial uses in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is followed by the governmental fund types. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual which is both measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures, other than principal and interest on long term debt, are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, if measurable. Principal and interest on general long-term debt is recognized when due.

Revenues from local sources consist primarily of property taxes. Property taxes and revenues received from the State are recognized when susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded as revenue when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

#### **Property Taxes**

Property taxes and other revenue that are both measurable and available for use to finance operations are recorded as revenue when earned.

Properties are assessed as of December 31 and the related property taxes become a lien on December 1 of the following year. These taxes are due on February 14 with the final collection date of February 28 before they are added to the county tax rolls. The Township 2003 tax roll millage rate was .8547 mills, and the taxable value was \$51,665,161.00.

#### **Fixed Assets**

Purchases of fixed assets for all funds are recorded as expenditures in their respective funds at the time of purchase. They are also recorded at cost in the General Fixed Assets Group of Accounts as required by generally accepted accounting principles.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### **Investments**

Investments are stated at market.

#### Receivables

Receivables have been recognized for all significant amounts due to the Township. Allowances for uncollectible accounts have not been provided for in that collection is not considered doubtful and any uncollected amount would be immaterial.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories of supplies is considered to be immaterial and are not recorded.

#### Compensated Absences (Vacation and Sick Leave)

Township employees are not allowed to accumulate vacation and sick pay and therefore no accumulated amount is recorded in the financial statements.

#### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The following procedures are followed in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these general purpose financial statements:

- Prior to the beginning of the fiscal year, the proposed budget for each budgetary fund is submitted to the Township Board for consideration.
- 2. The proposed budgets include expenditures as well as the methods of financing them.
- 3. Public hearings are held to obtain taxpayer comments.
- The budgets are adopted at the activity level by a majority vote of the Township Board.
- 5. The budgets are adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
- The originally adopted budgets can be amended during the year only by a majority vote of the Township Board.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

#### Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Budgets and Budgetary Accounting (continued)

- The adopted budgets are used as a management control device during the year for all budgetary funds.
- 8. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- The budgeted amounts shown in these general purpose financial statements are the originally adopted budgets with all amendments that were approved by the Township Board during the fiscal year.

#### **Encumbrances**

Encumbrances involving the current recognition of purchase orders, contracts and other commitments for future expenditures are not recorded.

#### Postemployment Benefits

The Township provides no postemployment benefits to past employees.

#### Note 2 - Deposits and Investments

Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 129.91, authorizes the Township to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities and other direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States; United States government or federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; banker's acceptance of United States banks; commercial paper rated within the two highest classifications, which mature not more than 270 days after the date purchase; obligations of the State of Michigan or its political subdivisions which are rated as investment grade; and mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan. Financial institutions eligible for deposit of public funds must maintain an office in Michigan.

The Township Board has designated two banks for the deposit of Township funds. The investment policy adopted by the board in accordance with Public Act 196 of 1997 has authorized investment in all investments authorized by state law as listed above.

The Township's deposits and investments are in accordance with statutory authority.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

#### Note 2 - Deposits and Investments (continued)

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the cash deposits are as follows:

 Carrying Amounts

 Total Deposits
 508 002 47

Amounts in the bank balances are without considering deposits in transit or uncleared checks.

The Township of Marengo did not have any investments as of March 31, 2004.

#### Note 3 - Changes in General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Balance 4/01/03	Additions	Deletions	Balance 3/31/04
Land, Buildings & Equipment	<u>519 343 63</u>	<u>219 906 86</u>	<u>60</u> 000 00	<u>679 250 49</u>

#### Note 4 - Deferred Compensation Plan

The Township offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with IRC Section 457. The plan, available to employees, permits them to defer a portion of their current salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to the employees until termination, retirement, death or unforeseeable emergency.

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2004

#### Note 5 - Budget Variances

During the fiscal year ended March 31, 2004, Township expenditures exceeded the budgeted amounts in several activities as follows:

General Fund	Total	Total	Excess
Activity:	<u>Budget</u>	Expenditures	Expenditures
Township Board Elections Assessor Audit and attorney Treasurer Fire protection	5 250 00	6 359 43	1 109 43
	200 00	272 77	72 77
	14 500 00	14 884 08	384 08
	3 500 00	4 166 23	666 23
	13 048 00	14 795 96	1 747 96
	73 050 00	81 172 44	8 122 44

#### Note 6 - Pension Plan

The Township does not have a pension plan.

#### Note 7 - Risk Management

The Township is exposed to various risks of loss related to property loss, torts, errors, omissions, and employee injuries. (workers' compensation). The Township has purchased commercial insurance for property loss, torts, and workers' compensation claims. Settled claims relating to the commercial insurance have not exceeded the amount of insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

#### Note 8 - Building Permits

As of March 31, 2004, the Township had building permit revenues of \$15,608.80 and building permit expenses of \$17,039.50.

#### Note 9 - Total Columns on Combined Statements--Overview

The total columns on the combined financial statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position, results of operations, or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation, because interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

_	<u>GENERAL FUND E</u>	XPENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNT	EXHIBIT F
	Yea	ar Ended March 31, 2004	Page 1
_			. ago i
	Township Board: Salaries		
	Memberships and dues		2 375 00
_	Payroll taxes		1 059 33
	Miscellaneous		2 550 10
	Miscellarieous		<u>375 00</u>
_	Supervisor:		<u>6 359 43</u>
	Salary		
	Salary – Deputy Supervisor		10 000 00
	Miscellaneous		700 00
			1 039 18
	Elections:		<u>11 739 18</u>
-	Supplies		272 77
			272 77
<b></b>	Assessor:		
	Contracted services		14 004 00
	Miscellaneous		880 08
_	Audit and attach		14 884 08
	Audit and attorney:  Professional services		
	Froiessional services		4 166 23
	Clerk:		· — —
	Salary		
_	Salary – Deputy Clerk		9 050 00
_	Supplies		1 980 00
	Telephone		3 216 35
	Printing and publishing		1 747 86
	•		<u>1 191 34</u> <u>17 185 55</u>
	Board of Review:		17 100 00
_	Per diem		762 50
	Miscellaneous		23 30
	T		785 80
	Treasurer: Salary		
	Salary – Deputy Treasurer		10 126 50
_	Supplies		1 620 00
<del></del>	Tax roll preparation		361 48
	proparation		<u>2 687 98</u>
			<u>14 795 96</u>
	Cemetery		E 470 00
			<u>5 170 00</u>

_	GENERAL FUN	D EXPENDITURES BY DETAILED ACCOUNT Year Ended March 31, 2004	EXHIBIT F Page 2
_			
-	Fire protection: Salaries and wages Training		25 577 35
_	Supplies Gas and oil Clothing		5 412 50 1 152 20 1 001 39
<b></b>	Telephone Insurance Utilities		4 150 28 264 33 24 530 12
	Repairs and maintenance Miscellaneous		4 048 75 12 983 58 2 051 94
	Ambulance		81 172 44 7 621 85
<b></b>	Protective inspection: Wages		<u>17 039 50</u>
_	Planning and zoning: Zoning Administrator Planning Commission		1 365 00
-	Miscellaneous		9 069 00 323 86 10 757 86
	Drains		<u>1 561 50</u>
-	Highways and streets		2 964 00
_	Street lighting: Utilities		<u>3 523 53</u>
	Capital outlay		219 906 86
-	Total Expenditures		<u>419 906 54</u>

# COMBINING BALANCE SHEET – ALL TRUST AND AGENCY FUNDS March 31, 2004 EXHIBIT G

	Cemetery Perpetual Care	Current Tax <u>Collection</u>	Total
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash in bank	9 261 36	1 318 26	10 579 62
Total Assets	9 261 36	<u>1 318 26</u>	10 579 62
<b>Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>			
Liabilities: Due to other units Total liabilities	-	1 318 26 1 318 26	1 318 26 1 318 26
Fund equity: Fund balance: Reserved for cemetery perpetual care Total fund equity	9 261 36		<u>9 261 36</u>
	9 261 36	-	9 261 36
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	9 261 36	<u>1 318 26</u>	10 579 62

# CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES Year Ended March 31, 2004

**EXHIBIT H** 

	Balance _4/1/03	Additions	Deductions	Balance 3/31/04
CURRENT TAX COLLECTION	ON FUND			
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash in bank Total Assets	1 478 94 1 478 94	1 522 254 01 1 522 254 01	1 522 414 69 1 522 414 69	1 318 26 1 318 26
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Due to other funds Due to other units Total Liabilities	74 50 1 404 44 1 478 94	42 931 47 1 479 322 54 1 522 254 01	43 005 97 1 479 408 72 1 522 414 69	1 318 26 1 318 26

# CURRENT TAX COLLECTION FUND STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS Year Ended March 31, 2004

**EXHIBIT I** 

Cash on hand and in bank – beginning of year	1 478 94
Cash receipts:	
Property taxes	1 519 869 01
Trailer park fees	2 385 00
Total cash receipts	1 522 254 01
Total beginning balance and cash receipts	1 523 732 95
Cash disbursements:	
Calhoun County	564 487 91
Calhoun County Intermediate School District	292 641 14
Marshall Public Schools	162 638 59
Albion Public Schools	9 569 71
Mar-Lee Public Schools	203 935 94
Kellogg Community College	174 983 82
Marshall District Library	68 879 16
City of Marshall	282 36
Township General Fund	43 005 97
Refunds Total cook dishuracements	1 <u>990 09</u>
Total cash disbursements	<u>1 522 414 69</u>
Cash on Hand and in Bank – End of year	1 318 26

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May 1, 2004

To the Township Board Township of Marengo Calhoun County, Michigan

We have audited the financial statements of the Township of Marengo, for the year ended March 31, 2004. As required by auditing standards generally accepted in the United States, the independent auditor is required to make several communications to the governing body having oversight responsibility for the audit. The purpose of this communication is to provide you with additional information regarding the scope and results of our audit that may assist you with your oversight responsibilities of the financial reporting process for which management is responsible.

### <u>AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY UNDER AUDITING STANDARDS GENERALLY ACCEPTED IN THE UNITED STATES</u>

We conducted our audit of the financial statements of the Township of Marengo in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. The following paragraph explains our responsibilities under those standards.

Management has the responsibility for adopting sound accounting policies, for maintaining an adequate and effective system of accounts, for the safeguarding of assets, and for devising an internal control structure that will, among other things, help assure the proper recording of transactions. The transactions that should be reflected in the accounts and in the financial statements are matters within the direct knowledge and control of management. Our knowledge of such transactions is limited to that acquired through our audit. Accordingly, the fairness of representations made through the financial statements is an implicit and integral part of management's accounts and records. However, our responsibility for the financial statements is confined to the expression of an opinion on them. The financial statements remain the responsibility of management.

The concept of materiality is inherent in the work of an independent auditor. An auditor places greater emphasis on those items that have, on a relative basis, more importance to the financial statements and greater possibilities of material error than those items of lesser importance or those in which the possibility of material error is remote.

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For this purpose, materiality has been defined as "the magnitude of an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would have been changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement."

An independent auditor's objective in an audit is to obtain sufficient competent evidential matter to provide a reasonable basis for forming an opinion on the financial statements. In doing so, the auditor must work within economic limits; the opinion, to be economically useful, must be formed within a reasonable length of time and at reasonable cost. That is why an auditor's work is based on selected tests rather than an attempt to verify all transactions. Since evidence is examined on a test basis only, an audit provides only reasonable assurance, rather than absolute assurance, that financial statements are free of material misstatement. Thus, there is a risk that audited financial statements may contain undiscovered material errors or fraud. The existence of that risk is implicit in the phrase in the audit report, "in our opinion."

In the audit process, we gain an understanding of the internal control structure of an entity for the purpose of assisting in determining the nature, timing, and extent of audit testing. Our understanding is obtained by inquiry of management, testing transactions, and observation and review of documents and records. The amount of work done is not sufficient to provide a basis for an opinion on the adequacy of the internal control structure.

#### SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies are described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

#### **OTHER COMMUNICATIONS**

Auditing standards call for us to inform you of other significant issues such as, but not limited to, 1) Accounting estimates that are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements or because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments; 2) Significant audit adjustments that may not have been detected except through the auditing procedures we performed; 3) Disagreements with management regarding the scope of the audit or application of accounting principles; 4) Consultation with other accountants; 5) Major issues discussed with management prior to retention; and 6) Difficulties encountered in performing the audit.

We have no significant issues, regarding these matters, to report to you at this time. Audit adjustments were minimal, and are available to review.

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#### **GASB 34 IMPLEMENTATION**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued a new reporting model for governmental units which is to be implemented over the next few years. The implementation date of this pronouncement for the Township of Marengo will begin with the year ended March 31, 2004, and will need to be implemented fully by March 31, 2005. The daily operations and recording transactions should not change significantly, however, the Township will be required to maintain additional records for the year end adjustments to the final presentation format.

#### COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATION REGARDING INTERNAL CONTROLS/ COMPLIANCE/ EFFICIENCY

Our procedures disclosed the following conditions that we would like to bring to your attention:

#### **SEGREGATION OF DUTIES**

A separation of duties between persons who authorize transactions and persons who have control over the related assets does not always exist.

The least desirable accounting system is one in which an employee is responsible for executing the transaction and then recording the transaction from its origin to its ultimate posting in the General Ledger. This increases the likelihood that intentional or unintentional errors will go undetected. In most cases, adequate segregation of duties substantially increases control over errors without duplication of effort.

We understand that due to the size of needed staff, a proper segregation of duties may be impractical and the "cost to benefit" relationship may not justify the addition of accounting staff to accomplish the desired segregation.

These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing and extent of the audit tests to be applied in our audit of the Township's financial statements and this communication of these matters does not affect our report on the Township's financial statements, dated March 31, 2004.

#### **SUMMARY**

We welcome any questions you may have regarding the foregoing comments and we would be happy to discuss any of these or other questions that you might have at your convenience.

Sincerely,

COMPBELL, KUSTERER & CO., P.C. Certified Public Accountants